



Connecticut Department of Public Health

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House Bill 6761, An Act Concerning a Review of Drinking Water Supply Locations and Equipment in Public Schools

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this matter. The Department of Public Health (DPH) requests clarity on House Bill 6761 which would require each local and regional board of education to send drinking water test results to DPH.

DPH appreciates the intention of this bill, to ensure that all drinking water in schools is safe for students and staff. However, the bill is not clear on what DPH's responsibilities are regarding the analysis and enforcement of this collection or if we must store or make recommendations based on the data. Depending on the responsibilities assigned, there may be resource needs at the department to comply.

Should this bill move forward, we would like to work with the Committee to better understand the intent, and the legislature's expectations of the department regarding this matter. Thank you for your consideration of this information. DPH encourages committee members to reach out with any questions.